

EXHIBIT V

2022.05.27 Good Morning America
Interview

SAGE HUMPHRIES, et al.

Plaintiffs,

v.

MITCHELL TAYLOR BUTTONS and DUSTY BUTTONS,

Defendant.

AUDIO TRANSCRIPTION

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2 NARRATOR: A GMA exclusive, the
3 bombshell federal lawsuit. Seven
4 dancers alleging sexual abuse by a
5 former Boston ballet star and her
6 husband. One of those dancers, Sage
7 Humphries, is now sharing her story on
8 camera for the first time as she sat
9 down with Amy.

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2 quickly.

3 Taylor came up to me and presented
4 the idea of him becoming my manager. He
5 was like, I can help you, you know, grow
6 your Instagram. But that led to him
7 acquiring passwords of mine, passwords
8 for my email, for my lock screen. It
9 did eventually start to turn into
10 something that was controlling.

18 SAGE HUMPHRIES: It was totally a
19 normal night. He suggested that we all
20 watch a movie together. They thought we
21 should all have one big group sleepover
22 and bring the mattress out into the
23 living room. I thought, again, that
24 that was uncomfortable. So we just hung
25 out, we watched a movie and Dusty had

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2 fallen asleep. I was falling asleep.

3 And when I was falling asleep, that was

4 the first time that he violated me.

5 And you think that you're going to
6 know to scream or to get up or to make a
7 loud noise or do anything to stop it
8 from happening, but I just froze and my
9 body just tightened and I just waited
0 for it to be over.

11 NARRATOR: The lawsuit also
12 alleges the Buttons forced Sage to live
13 with them full-time and she wasn't
14 allowed to speak to her parents without
15 their permission. Sage's parents
16 eventually intervened and brought her
17 back to California and she began to
18 process what she says happened with the
19 Buttons over the span of about four
20 months.

21 SAGE HUMPHRIES: They had told me
22 so many lies, even about my family. And
23 I didn't expect it from a woman. I
24 didn't expect it from a married couple.
25 I didn't expect it in the ballet world.

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2 I thought, I'm safe. I thought that
3 they had genuine intentions. But it can
4 happen and it does happen.

5 NARRATOR: An attorney for the
6 Buttons tells ABC News the Buttons
7 unequivocally deny all allegations in
8 the complaint and seriously question the
9 public relations campaign that's being
10 waged against them.

11 Humphries' attorney, Sigrid
12 McCawley is also representing the six
13 other plaintiffs.

14 SIGRID MCCAWLEY: Justice is
15 obviously critical to these women, so
16 we're working very actively to bring
17 this case to trial.

18 NARRATOR: Humphries eventually
19 returned to the Boston Ballet, where
20 she's now an artist. The company tells
21 ABC News they terminated Dusty's
22 employment in May of 2017. Humphries
23 says she hopes to help others by sharing
24 her story.

25 SAGE HUMPHRIES: Healing is not

8 NARRATOR: Good to see her smiling
9 there. Thanks to Amy for that story.

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¹⁴ *See* the collected documents of the *South African Constitutional Court* (1994).

¹⁵ See, for example, the discussion of the relationship between the *laissez-faire* and *liberal* in the introduction to this volume.

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